

The LOVE of GOD

The Love of God, Part 3 [February 27/28 Notes]

1. How do we express God's love? It boils down to two things: Actions and Motivations.

1 John 4:12 (NIV) - No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

Church

I. Gatherings of believers who are: devoted to becoming more like Jesus, fellowship together, deep relationships together, prayer, and experiencing the power of God.

II. Through these gatherings of believers, people are built up to love God and love others in a greater way.

III. Through this build up, people go from the church empowered for mission – to love those outside the church – to show them Jesus.

What is your motivation for church?

2. How we love in the church affects how we love outside the church.
3. We have to be careful not to worship comfort and materialism.
4. This is a very seductive counterfeit to God's love.

Acts 20:35 (NAS) - This is why Jesus said "it is more blessed to give than to receive."

Without a continual expression of Christ's love to others, our faith will become very stagnant and irrelevant.

Comfort & Materialism 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 God / Others

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5. What is something you can do this week that will shift you from the love of comfort and material things towards the love of God and others?

1 John 4:7-8 (NIV) - Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.

If we adopt the world's way of love, we'll lead our families wrong.

Our kids need to see us most concerned about loving God and others, not comfort and materialism.

6. We need to do more than tell our kids about our faith, we need to help them experience it.

7. Jesus constantly led the disciples into experiences with others.

Deuteronomy 6:6 (NIV) - "These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. 7 Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up."

8. **1 John 4:12** - "No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us."

Weekly Bible Reading [February 28-March 6]

This week, be intentional to continue your Bible reading. Consider reading along with Pastor Sam....

- **Sunday** Psalm 59, Proverbs 30-31, Luke 15, Acts 3, Philippians 2
- **Monday** Psalm 60, Proverbs 1, Luke 16, Acts 4, Philippians 3
- **Tuesday** Psalm 61, Proverbs 2, Luke 17, Acts 5, Philippians 4
- **Wednesday** Psalm 62, Proverbs 3, Luke 18, Acts 6, Colossians 1
- **Thursday** Psalm 63, Proverbs 4, Luke 19, Acts 7, Colossians 2
- **Friday** Psalm 64, Proverbs 5, Luke 20, Acts 8, Colossians 3
- **Saturday** Psalm 65, Proverbs 6, Luke 21, Acts 9, Colossians 4